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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Holiday Inn, Sacramento, CA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2008

I. Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. Commissioner Lundin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call, Determine Excused and Unexcused Absences, Establish Quorum

Commissioners present: Connie Chang, Jim Davis, Lily Lee Chen, Mike DeNunzio, Celia Esquivel, Shannon Glavaz, Erica Goode, Karen Josephson, Henry Lacayo, Richard Lundin, Cheryl Phillips, Carlos Rodriguez, Andy Scharlach, Hav Staggs, Donna Ueland, Leah Wyman, Benny Yee

Commissioners excused: Sharon Monck, Jon Pynoos, Thomas Rowe

Staff: Sandra Fitzpatrick, Carol Sewell, Marcella Lopez

Guests: Mary Jane Large, Trula LaCalle, Anne Mack

A quorum was present.

III. Introductions

Commissioner Davis introduced Trula LaCalle of California Association of Public Authorities and Mary Jane Large of TACC. He acknowledged Commissioner Staggs' participation in CalTrans' Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom programs grant review. Commissioners introduced themselves.

IV. Approve Agenda

The June 4-5, 2008 agenda was reviewed. Fitzpatrick noted that CDA would make a presentation on the State Plan during the State Plan Committee report.

M/S/C (Lacayo/Glavaz)

TO APPROVE THE CCoA MEETING AGENDA FOR JUNE 4-5 AS NOTED.

V. Approve Minutes from April 14-15, 2008 CCoA Meeting

The minutes from the April 14-15, 2008 CCoA meeting were reviewed.

M/S/C (Phillips/Goode)

TO APPROVE APRIL 14-15, 2008 CCoA MEETING MINUTES.

VI. Public Comments

LaCalle expressed her appreciation for the coordinated efforts of so many groups on senior issues.

VII. Preview of Senior Voices 2008 Conference

Commissioner Lacayo provided an overview of the Senior Voices 2008 meeting and the goal of presenting a unified voice on State Budget issues affecting older adults.

VIII. Executive Committee Meeting Report

A. Fitness Forever Request from August 2007

Commissioner Davis reported on the Executive Committee's recommendation to send correspondence indicating the CCoA's belief that the Fitness Forever program has merit, but the Commission is unable to support the project based upon restrictions in the Standing Rules. Commissioner Davis acknowledged Commissioner Josephson's appointment to the Fitness Forever Advisory Board.

M/S/C (Phillips/Lacayo)

TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION TO SEND CORRESPONDENCE INDICATING THE CCOA'S BELIEF THAT THE FITNESS FOREVER PROGRAM HAS MERIT, BUT THE CCOA IS UNABLE TO SUPPORT BASED UPON RESTRICTIONS IN THE STANDING RULES.

B. 2009 Meeting Dates & Locations

Commissioner Davis reviewed proposed meeting dates for 2009, with a change from six meetings to five.

M/S/C (Josephson/Lundin)

**TO APPROVE PROPOSED MEETING DATES FOR 2009
FEBRUARY 3-4—SACRAMENTO
APRIL 7-8 -- FRESNO
JUNE 2-3 -- SONOMA COUNTY
AUGUST 4-5 -- SACRAMENTO
DECEMBER 1-2 -- LONG BEACH**

C. Request from Community College Educators of Older Adults (CCEOA) to name CCoA as an organization endorsing a position paper on non-credit course repeatability

The Executive Committee recommended re-affirming CCoA's previous position in support of allowing older adults to repeat non-credit community college courses by including the Commission as a community supporter on a white paper on course repeatability.

M/S/C (Lacayo/Lundin)

TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE EDUCATORS OF OLDER ADULTS (CCEOA) TO INCLUDE THE COMMISSION AS A COMMUNITY SUPPORTER ON A WHITE PAPER ON COMMUNITY COLLEGE COURSE REPEATABILITY.

Commissioner Davis commended Commissioner Ueland and Commissioner Rowe for their work on the Special Committee on the California Foundation on Aging. Further discussion deferred to later in the meeting.

Senior Voices 2008 Conference

The Commission recessed to the Holiday Inn's California Room to participate in the Senior Voices 2008 Conference. Commissioner Esquivel reconvened the CCoA meeting at 1:38 p.m.

IX. Executive Director's Report

A. Financial Statements through April

Fitzpatrick reviewed financial statements, noting that the recent budget revision is not yet incorporated in the report from CDA.

B. Activity Report

Fitzpatrick shared a note from former Commissioner Chuck Ayala and reviewed staff activities since the meeting in April.

C. October Meeting Preview

Fitzpatrick reviewed plans for the October 15-16, 2008 meeting in Redding.

X. Presentation: Update on CHHS Agency activities

Megan Juring, Assistant Secretary, California Health & Human Services Agency

Ms. Juring discussed the State Budget and the effects of the Governor's proposed cuts on the Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS). The biggest cuts proposed thus far are to Medi-cal, SSI/SSP and MSSP. The CHHS estimates there will be a \$3.8 billion savings from these proposed cuts. Ms. Juring explained how expenditures could be cut by controlling the rate and amount of spending and reviewed several of the Governor's proposed strategies for doing so.

Ms. Juring discussed innovations the CHHS is using to implement the Olmstead Decision. The State will apply for a \$1.3 million grant that would increase hospital to home transitions. She reported that CHHS won approval for a \$130 million California Community Transitions grant, a five-year program designed to help persons in long-term care transition back into the community.

XI. Unfinished Business

A. California Foundation on Aging (CFoA) Update

Commissioner Ueland reported on the planned meeting with CFoA and discussed alternatives under consideration for the handling of CCoA's funds.

B. State Budget Update

1. Governor's May Budget Revision & related analyses

Fitzpatrick reviewed budget documents outlining the impacts of the May revise on older adult programming.

2. APS funding letter

Fitzpatrick reported on a request from the California Welfare Directors Association for a letter opposing further cuts to Adult Protective Services.

3. State Plan on Aging Update (Commissioner Ueland)

Commissioner Ueland reported on plans to work with CDA on the State Plan on Aging.

Guest Speaker: Ed Long, Acting Deputy Director, California Department on Aging (CDA).

Mr. Long presented CDA's plan to submit a State Plan on Aging by July 1, 2009. CDA plans to coordinate its goals and objectives with those of the area agencies on aging and incorporate the area agencies' input into the State Plan in order to be more effective at the local level. Mr. Long also reviewed the Administration on Aging's (AOA) vision of a State Plan as a comprehensive document that serves multiple roles and purposes. The National Association of State Units on Aging (NASUA), in coordination with AOA, has developed a planning resource center website (<http://stateplanning.nasua.org>) to assist states in the development of the 2009 State Plans.

Long announced the release of the Draft California Strategic Plan on Suicide Prevention: Every Californian is Part of the Solution, which can be found on the California Department of Mental Health's website at www.dmh.ca.gov

XII. New Business

A. Elder Women's Initiative

Fitzpatrick reported on an Elder Women's Initiative being organized by the Women's Foundation of California to increase advocacy among older women.

B. Preview of Woodland June 5th Hearing

Commissioner Josephson and Fitzpatrick provided an overview of the June 5th hearing on Older Adult Health Access.

XIII. Advocacy & Policy Committee Report

A. Review/Position new bills

Commissioner Scharlach reviewed the A&P Committee's recommendations on the following bills.

1. AB 225 – Beall	Support
2. AB 572 – Berg	Support with recommendation for cap on transportation service duration.
3. AB 1965 – Swanson	No position (dead)
4. AB 2038 – Lieber	Support
5. AB 2521 – Portantino	No position (dead)
6. AB 2527 – Berg	Support
7. AB 2842 – Berg	Support
8. SB 1140 – Steinberg	Support
9. SB 1555 – Kuehl	No position
10. SB 1729 – Migden	Watch

M/S/C (Scharlach/Wyman)

TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE'S POSITIONS AS RECOMMENDED ON BILLS 1-10.

Commission discussion continued on A&P Committee's recommendations on bills 11-13.

11. AB 2604 – Torrico – Support

12. AB 2918 – Lieber – Watch

Commissioner Wyman commented that credit reports may not be indicative of character. Many circumstances could cause older adults to have poor credit, limiting their ability to find employment.

13. SB 1185 – Lowenthal – Watch

Commissioner Rodriguez commented that the legislation would enable developers to use a pre-approved subdivision/tentative map for an additional 12 months in order to avoid requirements to start over when the map expires. Commissioner Rodriguez asserted that the bill would assist seniors and other homebuyers by helping to reduce developer costs.

Commission discussion on A&P Committee recommendations ensued.

Motion made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Phillips to accept the Advocacy and Policy Committees recommendations on AB 2604 (Support), AB 2918 (Watch) and SB 1185 (Watch). No vote was taken at this time. Motion was made by Commissioner Wyman and seconded by Commissioner Ueland to amend the previous motion to change CCoA's recommended position on AB 2918 from a Watch to Support. Motion failed on a vote of 6 Ayes and 9 Noes. A third motion was made by Commissioner Rodriguez and seconded by Commissioner DeNunzio to amend the main motion to change CCoA's recommended position on SB 1185 from a Watch to Support. Motion carried on a vote of 8 Ayes and 7 Noes.

M/S/C (Davis/Phillips) as amended

TO ACCEPT ADVOCACY & POLICY COMMITTEE'S AMENDED RECOMMENDATIONS ON AB 2604 (SUPPORT), AB 2918 (WATCH), AND SB 1185 (SUPPORT).

B. Status on Previously Positioned Bills.

Sewell provided an update on legislation being sponsored, co-sponsored and supported by CCoA.

C. Federal Update

1. Older Americans Act (OAA) Funding

Scharlach reported the Committee had reviewed information on an OAA funding proposal.

2. Medicare Beneficiary Protection Act of 2008

The Committee recommended sending a letter of support for S. 2687, the Medicare Beneficiary Protection Act.

M/S/C (Scharlach/Chen)

TO SEND A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE MEDICARE BENEFICIARY PROTECTION ACT OF 2008.

3. Incentives for Older Workers Act

The Committee received information on Congressional legislation to improve opportunities for older workers.

4. Caregivers, Veterans and Armed Forces members with traumatic brain injuries.

The Committee reviewed federal legislation to enhance supports for caregivers with a primary goal of helping caregivers of veterans of the Iraq war.

XIV. Commissioner Reports

None.

XV. Recess until 9:00 a.m. Thursday, June 5, 2008.

THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2008

Public Hearing 9:00 a.m. –11:00 a.m.

Location: Woodland Community & Senior Center, 2001 East Street, Woodland, CA 95695.

Topic: Health Access for Older Californians

Commissioners participated in a jointly-sponsored a public hearing on Health Access for Older Californian with the Woodland Commission on Aging.

XVI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.